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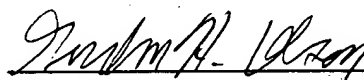
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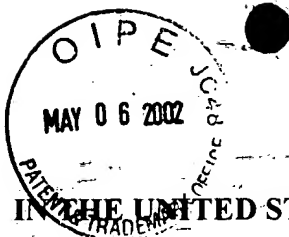
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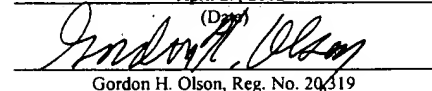
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2001, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 5, line 29, as follows:

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With reference back to Figure 2A, a wafer carrier, which is indicated generally by the reference number 50, is attached to the elevator plate 26. Preferably, the wafer carrier 50 is sized and dimensioned to simultaneously support at least two wafers 37. Therefore, in the preferred embodiment, the wafer carrier 50 consists of a pair of supports or prongs 52a, 52b that extend generally upward from the lining 44. The prongs 52a, 52b are preferably secured to the elevator plate 26 by fasteners 54 that extend through the elevator plate 26 and the lining 44. Each prong 52a, 52b includes two arms 56, 57 that extend towards the center of the elevator plate 26. Together, the first set of arms 56 form a first shelf 56 for a wafer and the second set of arms 57 form a second shelf 57 for a wafer. Thus, as shown in Figure 2A, two wafers 37 can simultaneously rest on the first and second shelves 56, 57 of the wafer carrier 50.

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